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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Monitored Material from the Baltic States

1. OGI has found the material [REDACTED] essential in rounding out total Soviet radio coverage so that meaningful comparisons and evaluations can be made.

2. In response to your memo of 5 January 1955 the following specific evaluations are offered in regard to paragraph #4:

a) Approximately 30% of these items contained important information unobtainable from other sources.

b) Another 30 to 50% of these items contained useful information which was not made available by other sources until some four to eight weeks after the broadcasts were made. The usefulness of this material is in direct relation to the speed with which it can be made available to OGI.

c) This material has proved to be an important source of information on high-ranking military personalities in the local military districts, and occasionally reveals Soviet Navy activity and ship movements.

a) [REDACTED] are the main source of information currently received on detailed operations of the Baltic States' economies. Analysts of OGI always read these cards, and attempt to make certain that nothing of importance for current intelligence is missed. This information has been seldom used by OGI, however, because it concerns a relatively small area of the USSR, and usually concerns subjects too narrow to be important in terms of current intelligence on the Soviet economy.

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b) The Office of Research and Reports, however, may find the [redacted] on the Baltic States a very valuable aid in the detailed analysis of that area's economy. Since GRR is the primary DD/I component utilizing these cards, we request that none of the above comments concerning OGI's interests prejudice a final determination of the value of the cards.

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